



Fare thee well, McGif
One of the J-School's all-time favorite profs accepts new position in celestial news slot.

Going grandkidding
After 30 great years, Carol Van Valkenburg plans to golf, fish and play with grandkids.



Freelance alum Karen Coates named 2011 Pollner Professor

Freelance journalist Karen Coates, a 1993 J-School graduate, was chosen from dozens of applicants to be the 11th T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor this fall semester.

Coates has spent much of the last 12 years writing from Southeast Asia. She will teach a seminar called "The Savvy Journalist: A 21st Century Survival Guide." Coates plans to help students learn how to secure funding to pursue stories, find outlets for publication, and negotiate the business aspects of freelance journalism. She'll also mentor the *Kaimin* staff.

Coates has authored five books, two of which will be published later this year. *Eternal Harvest: The Legacy of American Bombs in Laos* looks at Laotian life amid unexploded ordnance. *The Way More Better* is a collection of essays compiled during 10 years of travel along Asia's back roads.

Her reporting has appeared in dozens of magazines and newspapers worldwide. She was Asia correspondent for *Gourmet* magazine until its closure in 2009. This past year she was a Ted Scripps Fellow in Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado.

She has won a number of awards for her work and was a finalist in international



Fall 2011 Pollner Professor, Karen Coates

reporting for the Livingston Award, which recognizes the best journalists in America under age 35.

The Pollner professorship brings journalists with national reputations to UM for a semester. The professorship was created by the friends and family of T. Anthony Pollner, a UM journalism school graduate who died in 2001.

[See page 13 for photos of Karen Coates.]



Covering lawmakers
Students provide full coverage of legislative session, earn respect of state news media.

National J-awards

Students bring home big winnings from nationwide SPJ and Hearst competitions.



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► The Alderson Family Foundation recently donated \$5,000 to the Jim Murray Memorial Foundation, a national non-profit that raises money for journalism scholarships. Three former J-students—**Peter Bulger**, **Bill Oram** and **Tyson Alger**—have won the \$5,000 award, based on scholastic merit and a written essay. On July 29, a four-person scramble golf tournament to benefit the JMMF fund will be held at the Missoula Country Club. Entry deadline is July 21. (to register, call: Skip Koprivica at MCC, 406.251.2751).

Jim Alderson sent this note along with the donation: "My great grandfather was the owner/publisher/editor of the *Avant Courier* in Bozeman from 1873 until 1910. My dad studied journalism at UM in the 1920s. My daughter Jennifer graduated from UM in 1994 and played on the 1994 women's golf team the first year it was brought back. In spite of my being Bobcat Blue, we do have family ties to journalism and the University of Montana."

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► *NewWest.net* highlighted the work of Assistant Professor **Lee Banville's** Fall 2010 Online News class in a four-part, multimedia report on food and agriculture issues in the Rocky Mountain West. The series explored issues affecting farmers, local food processors, and those living in so-called "food deserts" as well as how high-end stores market the idea of organic food.

The series was reported and written by J-School students who, with the help of American Public Media's Public Insight Network, looked into the local food movement and agricultural shifts shaping the West. Journalism student **Heidi Groover** served as lead editor for this series.

Banville's spring 2011 Online News class worked with *New West* on a series about energy issues in the West.

► The Montana Innocence Project, whose board includes Professors **Dennis Swibold** and **Clem Work**, recently filed a court petition to overturn the 2002 conviction of a Missoula man charged with jailhouse rape. The petition, based on a written recantation by the alleged victim, was prepared with staff attorneys using material gathered by interns, including J-School students. Students in Swibold's Investigations class have worked on several other cases.

MTIP's executive director, J-School alumna **Jessie McQuillan '03**, worked as a lobbyist in the 2011 legislature for better laws to preserve DNA evidence. MTIP contends that Montana's policy of preserving DNA evidence for three years is not long enough, for either defendants or prosecutors. MTIP's goal is to exonerate innocent Montana inmates and to prevent wrongful convictions.

► **Marcus Brauchli**, executive editor of *The Washington Post*, delivered the Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture on March 18. Brauchli previously worked as a foreign

correspondent and as managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal* where Brauchli was a colleague of **Jeff Cole '80**, a distinguished UM journalism alum.

Cole was aeronautics editor at the *Journal* when he was killed in a plane crash while on assignment in January 2001. Ten years ago Cole's widow, Maria, established the Jeff Cole Legacy Fund, which sponsors the lecture, provides the annual Jeff Cole Memorial Scholarship and hosts a dinner for the *Kaimin* staff.

► The University of Montana's mascot is on Wikipedia thanks to Associate Professor **Henriette Löwisch's** News Editing class. "Monte," the *Montana Kaimin* and other UM icons were researched by Löwisch's students, who were assigned to investigate the inner workings of the popular but often questioned web encyclopedia. Wikipedia's various editors-at-large soon critiqued the students' choices of articles, sources and style, often in what seemed a capricious manner.

"Accuracy didn't seem to be the main concern of the Wikipedia community," Löwisch said. "As journalism educators, we constantly try to discourage students from using Wikipedia as their sole source. I figured a first-hand experience would enable them to judge by themselves how reliable the people's encyclopedia is."

► The *Montana Journalism Review* this year takes a comprehensive look at the perks and perils of international reporting. It features articles submitted by several veteran reporters working in China, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

MJR is a journalism course for upper-level students who gather stories, edit and design the four-color magazine. Professor **Clem Work** is their adviser. You can view the magazine and extended stories online at mjr.org.

AROUND THE WORLD



► Brigadier General **Colleen McGuire**

'79 is one of four 2010 UM Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. She was honored as part of the 2010 Homecoming festivities last October.

McGuire is the first Montana woman to achieve the rank of brigadier general and the first woman ever to become provost marshal general of the U.S. Army and commanding general of the Army Criminal Investigation Command. She is the Army's top law enforcement officer.

She was a UM broadcast journalism major, ROTC member and Grizzly cheerleader. McGuire has served nearly 30 years of military duty in Germany, Somalia, Iraq and the United States. When she retires, she plans to come home to Montana.



Dean Peggy Kuhr and Associate Professor Denise Dowling visit with Gen. Colleen McGuire.

► Assistant Professor **Jeremy Lurgio**

will spend much of the summer traveling the state of Montana documenting stories for his project "Lost and Found Montana." The project will examine 18 towns on the edge of extinction. He also plans to finish editing and production on a short adventure film. He will be teaching a summer workshop at the Rocky Mountain School of Photography about photographing people.

Jeremy and **Denise Dowling** participated in the Missoula's gifted education conference presenting workshops for gifted students from the region.

► Professor **Ray Ekness** spent the

2010-2011 academic year on sabbatical. He and adjunct instructor **John Twiggs** traveled to Ireland in October to shoot video footage and interviews for an update on people Ekness profiled in 1997 in the television program "Building Bridges." Ekness also worked on producing the popular MontanaPBS television series "Backroads of Montana" along with Twiggs, **Gus Chambers** and **William Marcus**. The program celebrated its 20th anniversary in May.

► Associate Professor **Denise Dowling**

served as interim chair of the Radio-Television Department while Professor Ekness was on sabbatical. She has been appointed permanent chair beginning in the fall of 2011. Dowling will officially receive tenure this fall based on a strong record of scholarship, service and teaching. She continued her professional radio work in 2010-2011, reporting for *National Native News* and *Montana Public Radio*. Students in her courses have earned top honors in state and national journalism competitions.

► **Anne Medley**, M.A. '08, a Missoula-

based photojournalist, spent three months in eastern Congo in 2010 teaching multimedia journalism to university students in the city of Beni. Her visit was part of "Congo in Focus," an education project she developed.

Medley collected \$8,000 in donated digital cameras, audio recorders and video cameras to take to the Université Chrétienne Bilingue du Congo (UCBC) where she taught photojournalism, audio recording, videography and multimedia production.

► **Jim Messina**, deputy White House chief of staff for the past two years, has moved to Chicago where he is managing President Obama's re-election campaign. Messina, a UM journalism graduate, last visited the J-School in October 2010, when he spoke to a reporting class and a Public Leadership Seminar political science class.

► **Melody Perkins-Martinsen** '87

and her husband, Jeff, received the Master Editor/Publisher Award at the Montana Newspaper Association's annual convention in Lewistown, June 10-12. The Martinsens have owned the weekly *Choteau Acantha* since July 1, 1990, and have never missed an issue.

The award program noted that "They transformed the *Acantha* from a sleepy little bulletin board to a vibrant, aggressive newspaper with a county-wide news focus." The Martinsens have diversified their business to include a website updated daily and separate community web pages for each of the smaller towns in their coverage area.

The *Acantha* has consistently been among Montana's highest rated papers.

Keep 'em laughing up there, Bob

Robert Carnahan McGiffert, a distinguished journalist, award-winning teacher, respected copy editor and relentless defender of factual reporting, did not accurately report his own death.

McGiffert, who died on Saturday [Christmas Day, 2010], was not, as he wrote in his own obituary several years ago, taken by slimy flux, a disease common to the horse chestnut trees of his native New Jersey.

A sudden onset of pneumonia caused McGiffert's death. He was 88, and had recently returned from California to celebrate the holiday season with his many Missoula friends and family before the illness sent him to St. Patrick Hospital...

—Quoted from a Missoulitan story by Betsy Cohen.



Bob McGiffert, 1922-2010

have talked to over the years, decided to become a journalist because of him.

When I was an undergraduate the students published a critique of all the professors and, as you might imagine, Bob was one of the campus favorites. He'd liven up lectures with songs like, Goodbye Mama, I'm Off to Yokahama, or Keep Mum Chum, or at fall quarter's end he would bark Jingle Bells.

In that published critique, one student's answer to the question of "What could the professor do to improve the class?" was a single word: Costumes. Not one to pass on a great idea, Bob donned a long coat, aviator cap and goggles and when the senior seminar class studied press coverage of major events of the 1920s Bob burst through the door to belt out several choruses of "Lindbergh, Eagle of the USA." It proved so popular that he reprised it every year and even well into his retirement.

Some professors are more about style than substance, but that wasn't Bob McGiffert. He taught us to write with precision and clarity and to avoid 50-cent words when a 25-cent one would do. He spent more time on students'

papers than they did, using his red pen to make the incomprehensible publishable. As state bureau reporter Chuck Johnson remarked years ago, "When he handed back your papers it looked like the Crimean War had been fought on them."

Bob's editing expertise was admired at the highest levels of the business and he spent many summers at *The Washington Post*. An editor there, writing about his work,

said: "One of his greatest strengths is his love of words — a passion in sad decline these days. He has made many a bumbling reporter comprehensible and many a good one sound brilliant by supplying the *mot juste* for a malapropism or an off-key verb."

Bob liked to use humor in almost any situation, not just to teach or to tell stories on himself, but even at the most unexpected times. He found a unique way of warding off telemarketers in the time when dinner or a peaceful evening was likely to be interrupted by their incessant calls. After the usual, "How are you tonight, Bob," he learned to answer, "Not so good." Trying to sound interested, the caller would usually reply, "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. What's the problem?" "I have cancer of the balls," he'd answer. He knew they had no retort for that in their scripts and they would quickly end the call. I think it put Bob on the telemarketers' "Do Not Call" list before there was one that put us off limits for the solicitors.

I had the good fortune to visit Bob many times in Washington, the first time in the summer of 1974 when he

The following are excerpts from Professor **Carol Van Valkenburg's** eulogy for Bob at his memorial service Jan. 1, 2011, in the UM Music Recital Hall:

"You have reached the number you've called. If it's not the number you want, press or say 2, hang up and try again. If it IS the number you want, press or shout 4, leave a message for Bob and hope for the best."

I'm sure that's a familiar greeting to any of you who phoned Bob when he wasn't home. If we could leave a message for him today it would be, "Thanks, Bob, for being a friend, a teacher, a writer, editor, singer, storyteller, and First Amendment advocate."

I first knew Bob as a teacher, the best I ever had. I, like so many others I

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We are the Journalistic Children of Bob McGiffert. We had our first classes with him in the 1960s or '70s or '80s or '90s. From the beginning, we knew he'd be tough. At the end, we loved him. One former student said this week, "I've worked at various newspapers for 40 years, and I wouldn't have lasted 40 minutes without everything McGiffert taught me. He was simply the best." I think we all feel that way. —From a tribute by **Ginny Merriam** '86 at the memorial service.

gave me and my husband Fred a tour of the newsroom during the Watergate affair, and walked us past Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein as they worked the phones, feet up on their desks.

When I was working summers in Philadelphia, he'd invite me down for weekends to stay at his sister Barbara's house. How lucky I was to sit back and hear the hilarious banter between two of the smartest, wittiest and most engaged siblings you could ever meet. I know her death several years ago left a hole in Bob's heart.

He loved his family, though he admitted he wasn't always as attentive to them in his working years as he knew they deserved.

Bob tried to make it up as he grew older, and one such gesture had him skydiving with his daughter Sarah about the time of his 69th birthday. I treasure his published story about that, not just for what it showed about what a splendid writer he was, and how much he loved Sarah, but how he had the gumption to meet head on one of his greatest fears.

Bob was afraid of heights, once freezing on a Glacier trail and having to be talked down. But he was determined to make this jump. He later wrote about the adventure in a newspaper feature story:

"It was a bit dispiriting to watch my daughter squeeze through the door of the airplane, work her hands slowly out and up the diagonal strut, dangle there for a couple of seconds and then let go, a mile above the Arizona desert. For nearly 34 years this woman had been a source of love and joy and pride to me, the younger half of my fragile link to immortality, and now in an eyeblink, she was gone – zapt, vanished, like a blip from a radar screen. It was the worst

moment of my life, up to that time. Whether the terror was greater minutes later, when Sarah's friend Julie had disappeared in a similar fashion and my own time had come, I'm unable to say. If there are degrees of monstrous fright – terror plus and terror minus – they average out to terror, and . . . whatever I was feeling, while our cheery young jumpmaster checked my death suit for the last time, the setting had been spun to maximum."

Bob made the jump, but not before edging out the door and doing everything wrong. Fortunately, he floated to a soft landing. Oddly enough, despite that abject terror, he did it twice more after he turned 70.

Bob's kindnesses extended to others dear to him, including my own children. A few nights ago I pulled out "The Trumpet of the Swan," by E. B. White. Bob gave that book to my son, Kevin, in 1985, the Christmas Kevin was 8. Inside he had written: "For my friend Kevin Van Valkenburg. This book is mainly for kids, Kevin, but if you like a good story, enjoy fine writing, and have ever been to Billings, it doesn't matter how old you are to read it. Love," then he changed to a red pen to write – "Merry Christmas" before he signed his name.

There was another part of Bob that played a big role in his life. Bob was an alcoholic. He wasn't one of those

Dear Abby kind – you know, where you read the list of 10 behaviors and if you answer yes to more than two then you might have a problem. Bob was a "hide the bottle in the park on a morning jog" kind, so that when he was making a loop he could swing by his stash and have a swig. He wasn't proud of it, but he wasn't ashamed to say he was a recovering alcoholic. He was proud that he spent the last 26 years without a drink and that his disease led to friendships with a wide circle of people he might not otherwise have come to know and love.

I want to end with a quote from the Irish writer James Joyce, not because he was one of Bob's favorites – I don't think Bob could abide the lack of punctuation – but because I know it's what he'd want for all of us:

"Were we to brood upon them always, we could not find the heart to go on."

We – your many friends – will go on Bob, but our world will be the poorer without you in it, yet rich beyond measure for your having been a part of it. We love you, Bob. ▲

Bob's famous \$2 poem graced the back page of the 1975 edition of *Montana Journalism Review*:

\$2 Poem*

As any reader knows, a source can
charge, declare, affirm, relate,
recall, aver, reiterate,
allege, conclude, explain, point out,
answer, note, retort or shout,
rejoin, demand, repeat, reply,
ask, expostulate or sigh,
blurt, suggest, report or mumble,
add, shoot back, burst out or grumble,
whisper, call, assert or state,
vouchsafe, cry, asseverate,
snort, recount, harrumph, opine,
whimper, simper, wheedle, whine,
mutter, murmur, bellow, bray,
whinny or . . . let's see now

. . . SAY!

– Robert C. McGiffert

*So entitled because Professor McGiffert, a member of the faculty of the Montana School of Journalism, received \$2 from *Editor & Publisher* when it published the poem in 1964.

Carol Van Valkenburg plans to retire Dec. 30 after three decades at the School of Journalism.

Carol was hired in January 1982 to replace Sharon Barrett during winter and spring quarters while Sharon was in Mexico. Subsequently, Carol filled a number of jobs at the J-School, including adviser to the *Montana Kaimin* beginning in 1983. She was hired for a tenure-track position in 1989.

Carol served as interim dean of the school in 1998-1999 after the death of Joe Durso and became chair of the print and photojournalism department when that position was created by Dean Jerry Brown.

She decided it was time to retire when she began teaching children of students she'd taught in the 1980s. Her major motivation is to get more time to see her two grandchildren. Her son, Kevin, who is a 2000 graduate of the J-School and a reporter at the Baltimore Sun, and his wife, Jen, have a 20-month-old daughter, Molly Sofia. Her daughter, Kristin, an urban planner in the Denver area, and Kristin's husband, Terence, have a 28-month-old son, Eamon.

Carol will continue as adviser to the *Kaimin* for the rest of the academic year and will also continue to oversee recruitment and selection of the T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor. Now and then she hopes to fit in some golf and flyfishing. ▲

Adios after 30 years of teaching—time for more golf and grandkids

by Sharon Barrett

A well-established fact of Carol Van Valkenburg's nearly 30 years of teaching journalism is that disgruntled students have been a rarity.

But over the years there have been a few, and one, early in Carol's career at UM, took to referring to her as Carol Van Talkingbird.

Now, close to three decades later, a couple of things can be said about that.

One, the student obviously was not all that unhappy, given that a more deprecating moniker could have been bestowed.

Two, it appears, on the eve of Carol's retirement, that the student's choice of name – Van Talkingbird – was both prescient and complimentary.

Consider the evidence:

Eleven years ago, Carol was one of three journalism professors nationwide to receive a "Teacher of the Year" award from the Freedom Forum.

The Freedom Forum was established in 1991, as a "foundation that champions the First Amendment as a cornerstone of democracy." Carol won the award and continues to deserve it because she has spent her career speaking out for freedom of speech.

Perhaps nowhere has her defense of the First Amendment been more constant than in her role as *Kaimin* adviser – a position she has held so long that who can remember there ever having been a predecessor?

Defending the *Kaimin* staff isn't always a lofty pursuit. Consider the 2009 dust-up over a sex column that offended

the prudish sensibilities of a UM law professor who wanted to censor the *Kaimin*. But Carol advised the staff about their rights, and they held fast, as they have done time and again.

Sometimes defense of free speech actually gets as far as a court case, but more often a sticky situation is settled low key, with Carol talking – explaining to a displeased reader why it's not libelous for a *Kaimin* reporter to have said that the Dining Services soup

is watery. Or that contrary to the belief of a former provost, mendacity is not part of the job description of a journalist.

And over the years, there have been all kinds of other talking:

> talking to students about why they should give further – not farther – thought to their careers;

> talking to university committees about all the Asphalt-to-Zen things those committees talk talk talk about;

> talking to alumni about how much the journalism school could use some of their money;

> talking about – bragging, and with good reason – all the awards UM journalism students have won over the years (but not talking about the hand she had in making those awards happen).

When Carol retires at the end of fall semester 2011, she should be proud of that affectionate, long-ago christening: Van Talkingbird.

Since she plans to stay on for awhile as *Kaimin* adviser, the J-School can be happy that retirement won't shut her up.

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Kaimin editor: 'Carol was the toughest and best editor I've had'

Early on, I thought I had missed out on the Carol Van Valkenburg of legend. Certainly, she was still quick to condemn dangling participles and overwritten ledes. The Carol I heard about before I joined the *Kaimin* was a fire-breathing lion, but the woman I encountered was bluntly delicate, impossibly kind, and an annoyingly good bowler.

Carol was the toughest and best editor I've had, always insisting on another level of "why" whether we were investigating a football scandal or ASUM's latest foray into absurdity. Friday *Kaimin* meetings were either the most fun event of the week or the worst, depending on Carol's

perspective on your latest story. People listened to what Carol said, and in many ways she became larger than life.

Carol rarely stormed into the newsroom to criticize, but I'll never forget the time she ran in, out of breath, and gasped, "This is the best story the *Kaimin* has ever done." (That was editor Roman Stubbs' prize-winning story on troubled Griz football star Jimmy Wilson.)

Thoughtful and caring, intelligent and passionate. That's the Carol Van Valkenburg of legend.

—**Bill Oram** '09, former *Kaimin* editor, covers sports at *The Salt Lake Tribune*

Letter from the Dean

Dear Friends,

When Judy Woodruff reached the end of her remarks for this year's Dean Stone Lecture, she turned her attention to the J-School and read our mission statement out loud:

"The mission of The University of Montana School of Journalism is to provide students with a professional education in journalism; to teach them to think critically, act ethically, and communicate effectively; to help them understand the challenges and changes in the news media; and to inspire them to use their talents to improve journalism and enhance a diverse and democratic society."

Woodruff, who's a co-anchor at PBS NewsHour, told the overflow crowd that our mission statement is "a gem to be appreciated."

You can't ask for higher praise.

And it's this mission that faculty keep top of mind as we redesign courses to reflect the changing news media environment and as we work to recruit students for this new era of journalism. We ask ourselves: What do journalism students need to learn today? What kinds of jobs will they be able to find?

In 2010-11 we invited some of the top journalists in the country to spend time at the J-School and on our campus. We asked them the same questions. Here's what some of our noteworthy guests told students, faculty and staff:

◆ "There are going to be expanded opportunities [for jobs]. People don't lose the appetite for information, the need for information that they need to make decisions in their lives... The best advice I can give: You need to learn to write." — **Tom Brokaw**, author and former *NBC Nightly News* anchor

◆ "We will always need and depend on a professional core of people . . . who believe research is important, who can back up their reporting and know that they need to do that. . . . We can't function as a democracy without a strong press and we can't function as a strong press without people who are devoted to the craft — the profession."

— **Judy Woodruff**, *PBS NewsHour* co-anchor and senior correspondent

◆ "We don't need more journalists who write without reporting or who guess at what people see or think or experience. What we need are meaningful stories about people and their lives, empathetic narratives that make the readers feel." — **Eli Saslow**, 2010 T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor and reporter with *The Washington Post*

◆ "Take as many writing classes as you can. Learn how to craft a sentence." — **Brent Musburger**, *ESPN* sports announcer

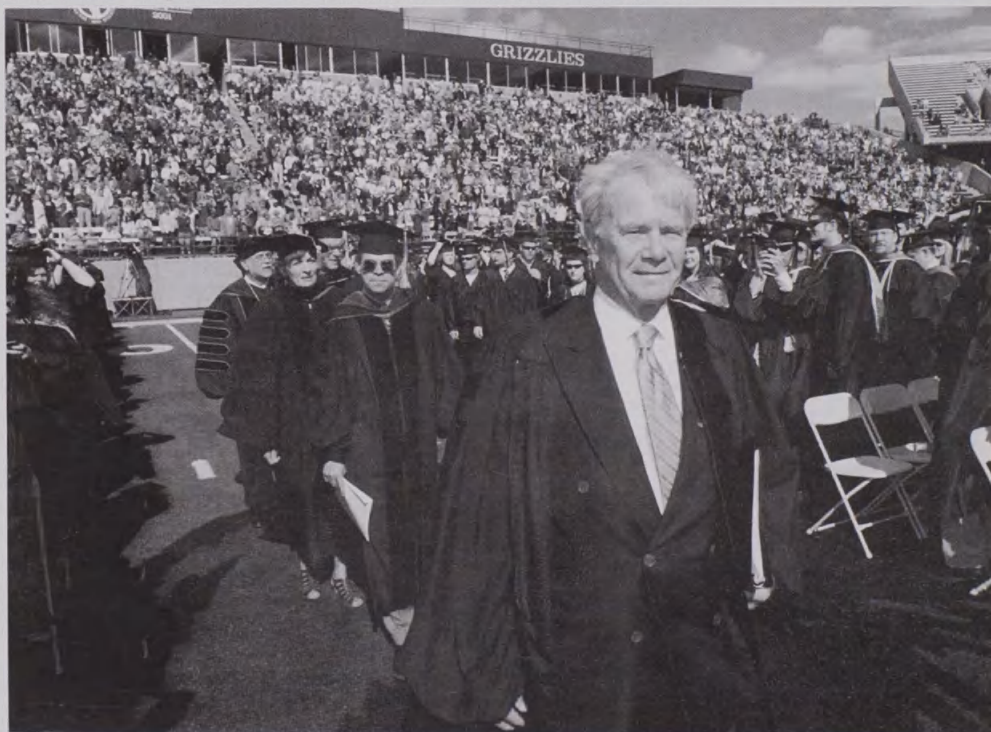
◆ "Try to expand the picture of how we portray aboriginal people.... Understand the power the media has to share stories, to further emotions and conversation." — **Duncan McCue**, journalist for *CBC-TV* in Vancouver, B.C., who is Anishinaabe (Anishinaabe are members of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, in southern Ontario)

◆ "Never before have journalism skills been more relevant. . . . If you like the idea of being on the frontier and changing the world, this is a pretty good time to do journalism." — **Marcus Brauchli**, executive editor of *The Washington Post*

We couldn't say it better ourselves! Enjoy this year's *Communique*. Thank you for all your support and encouragement this past year. Please do stay in touch with your J-School family.

—**Peggy Kuhr**

"You will leave here with a degree, but it does not confirm maturity or judgment."



Tom Brokaw, former NBC News anchor and Montana rancher, delivered UM's 2011 Commencement Address. He was awarded the University's Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Broadcaster and author Tom Brokaw brought a powerful message to Montana for all generations when he delivered the university's 2011 Commencement Address on May 14.

He reminded graduating students about the power and limitations of technology. "You have an assortment of nimble and powerful tools that can assist you – the Internet with its vast universe of information and capacity for research and communication played out on ever smaller devices across an ever wider spectrum of choices," he said.

"But those are tools, not oracles; they complement your mind and your heart. They do not replace them."

Brokaw also warned graduates not to

believe anyone who told them they were about to enter "the real world."

"I have news for you," he said, "The real world was junior high. You will be astonished by how much of the rest of your lives will be consumed by the same petty jealousies you encountered in junior high, the same irrational juvenile behavior. You will leave here with a degree, but it does not confirm maturity or judgment."

In 2004, Brokaw stepped down after 21 years as the anchor and managing editor of *NBC Nightly News*. He continues to work as a special correspondent for NBC News.

Brokaw has written several best-sellers, including "The Greatest Generation," about Americans who were born

around 1920, came of age in the Great Depression, fought in World War II and rebuilt the postwar world. In his UM speech, he referred to those Americans:

"There are people in these stands today who came of age in the Great Depression, when everyday life was about deprivation and sacrifice. When the economic conditions of the time were so grave and so unrelenting it would have been easy enough for the American dream to have been washed away.

"Instead that generation found common cause, first in their economic struggle, and then in their call to arms, World War II, the greatest event in the history of mankind.

"When it was over, it would have been easy enough for them to come home and say 'I've done my share,' put down their arms and retreat to their families or their communities and never lift another finger to help society. But they didn't do that. They went to college in record numbers, got married in record numbers, gave us new industries, built states like Montana and institutions like the university.

"It was a time of sacrifice, but it was also a time of public service, of stepping forward."

Brokaw received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during the commencement ceremony. NBC journalists and J-School alums **Don Oliver '58** and **Shane Bishop '86** helped us nominate Brokaw for the honor.

Tom and his wife, Meredith, now spend some of the year at their ranch in Montana. They have supported the Journalism School, particularly its Native News Honors Project and Don Anderson Hall. ▲

Students taste celeb lifestyle on Judy's jet

Two University of Montana journalism students got to spend some face time with PBS NewsHour co-anchor Judy Woodruff after her visit here to deliver the 54th Annual Dean Stone Lecture on April 26.

Senior Radio-Television student Erin Schermele and junior Emily Creasia were invited to ride along on a private jet to her next stop in Billings.

Even today, Woodruff told them, there are not enough women in news management. Schermele said Woodruff inspired her to pursue such a career.

"It's especially great to get Judy's insight on where she thinks television is going and what young professionals can do to produce new and fresh ideas," Schermele said.

Schermele got hands-on experience in news management during the 2010-11 school year as KBGA College Radio's News Director.

For Creasia, Woodruff motivated her to be ambitious and unafraid of failure.

Woodruff, who has covered national politics for NBC, CNN and PBS, didn't study journalism in college. She began as a secretary at a television station in Atlanta. When Woodruff told her boss she wanted to be a reporter, he told her they already had their woman reporter.

"You really are always having to prove yourself," Woodruff told the students.

Woodruff's Dean Stone lecture to a packed University Center auditorium emphasized social media's impact on traditional news media, young voters and the presidential election.

She said that more research-based reporting and critical thinking would serve the public better than the media's fascination with personality issues.

"We will always depend on a professional core of people who believe research is important," she said. ▲



Students Erin Schermele and Emily Creasia jet-set with PBS NewsHour's Judy Woodruff.

Grad students tour VN, study climate

*Editor's note: We've just finished the first year of our new Master's degree in Environmental Science and Natural Resource Journalism. Director **Henriette Löwisch** led this year's class of seven grad students through a new curriculum that sends them out across campus to work with scientists, learn about research, and cover complex topics for a general audience. Two of those students traveled to Vietnam to conduct a special research project.*

Kevin Radley and Montana Hodges spent Wintersession 2011 in the Mekong Delta, studying the effects of climate change on Vietnam's society, economy and environment.

They were part of a group of nine UM

students and two professors engaged in an exchange between Can Tho University and UM's College of Forestry and Conservation.

The program included tours of the Delta's coastal fishing communities, aquaculture and rice cultivations. Through lectures from Can Tho University faculty and field meetings with the Delta's farmers, government officials and natural resource managers, the students studied how the Vietnamese people are adapting to the coming changes in their environment.

Hodges and Radley edited the group's daily blog, "Deep in the Delta: Stories from Vietnam," and provided photos and stories for climatecentral.org. ▲



Montana Hodges and Kevin Radley relax a moment during their visit to Vietnam.

Tenth session for Community News Service

J-School coverage of 2011 Legislature in high demand with state news media

Earlier this year, Steve Newman, longtime editor of the *Tobacco Valley News* in Eureka, Mont., made the kind of mistake that wakes you in the middle of the night with your heart pounding.

He realized that in the crush of putting out that week's paper he had forgotten to jump two stories: a local feature and the weekly J-student legislative report from Helena.

"I was inundated with calls the rest of the week," he confessed. "Folks wanted – demanded – to know the rest of the story. I've never had so many calls at one time about anything. My readers wanted to read the report. I ran it every week in the same spot on page 1."

The Community News Service feeds dozens of Montana newspapers and radio stations with continuous coverage of the state's biennial legislative session. CNS is the brainchild of Professor **Dennis Swibold**. He and Assistant Professor **Ray Fanning** supervised the student reporters who resided in Helena during the 2011 session.

Second-year graduate student **Cody Bloomsburg**, of Lewiston, Idaho, and senior **Brittany Wooley** of Boise, Idaho, were the latest in a long string of student legislative reporters that stretches back 10 sessions. Four other students – **Jamie Bedwell**, **Miranda Dalpiaz**, **Jayne Fraser** and **Dan Viehland** – also contributed their journalism and social networking skills to the effort.

The work was supported financially by the Montana Newspaper Association, the Greater Montana Foundation and by scholarships, including the school's biennial Fred Martin Fellowship.

Cody transmitted a weekly package of legislative reports to dozens of Montana newspapers, mostly weeklies and a few small dailies, via the school's Community News Service. Brittany filed several Legislative News Updates each day of the session to a network of radio stations. Both also contributed to the project's website: www.session11.org.

For the students, the experience was both exhilarating and exhausting as they raced to keep track of 150 legislators, dozens of committees and more than 1,100 pieces of legislation.

The issues, ranging from medical marijuana to adequate funding for social services and education, were complex as always, but the session's politics proved especially tricky. Republicans controlled both chambers and were intent on cutting government spending and authority, but a Democratic governor stood in their way. Clashes were inevitable, and the job of explaining the potential consequences required wit and skill.

By session's end, Brittany and Cody and the other students filed more than 400 stories with newspapers and radio stations statewide and on the website.

With encouragement and advice from UM alums such as **Marnee Banks '09**, **Emilie Ritter '07**, **Chuck Johnson '70** and **Mike Dennison '81**, the two earned the respect of sources and their peers in the Capitol press corps.

The two also emerged with fat contact lists and a valuable understanding of state and regional issues. Both landed jobs immediately after the session: Cody with Idaho's *Lewiston Tribune*, and Brittany with KTVQ in Billings.

But it wasn't easy, Cody recalled two weeks after adjournment:

I remember running everywhere almost the entire first month. I felt that if I didn't know what was happening in every corner of the building, I'd miss something that every other reporter had.

The first month was a long one.

One morning in those first few weeks, Chuck Johnson, of the Lee State Bureau, told me that it was going to be a long haul, and not to worry about catching everything right off the bat because there would be plenty of chances.



Cody Bloomsburg

After the halfway mark everything sort of fell into place in my head. I dropped the constant scramble because I finally knew my way around the process well enough to focus my efforts – sort of.

It was then I learned that scramble is just part of the process in Montana. The trick is knowing when it's real and when it's show. Much of what happens during a session's first 40 days is probably show. After that, you have to trust your guts and not let complete physical and mental burnout talk you out of doing the job.

Chuck gave me a lift home on one of the last days of the session. We were talking about when we thought the leaders would adjourn, about how neither of us felt like we had gotten a decent night's sleep for the past four months, and about how there were only so many times a person can write about medical marijuana.

As I got out of his car he said, "I told you it was a long haul." ▶

By the session's end, Brittany and Cody and the other students filed more than 400 stories with state newspapers, radio stations and the CNS website, Session 11.org.

Brittany is taking plenty of hard-earned expertise to her new job:

Overall, my experience covering the Legislature was incredible. I can't



Brittany Wooley truly describe it in a few paragraphs, or a novel for that matter. I grew more as both a reporter and a person during those four months than I ever thought possible. I am so grateful I was given the opportunity, and I wouldn't change it for the world.

My four months covering the Legislature were in many ways not exactly what I expected. I went into the experience thinking I had a fairly good grasp of the legislative process, but I quickly learned otherwise.

Experiencing firsthand how a bill becomes a law is so much different from reading about it. I got to see the lobbying, deal-making and drawn-out debates. Sometimes issues I thought would receive no attention ended up taking up the entire floor debate. The distinction between the freshman and seasoned lawmakers was clear.

I also found myself working long hours trying to comprehend and summarize complex issues in a very limited amount of time. I produced more in a day than I often did during a week at the University. That was probably the most valuable skill I took from my internship.

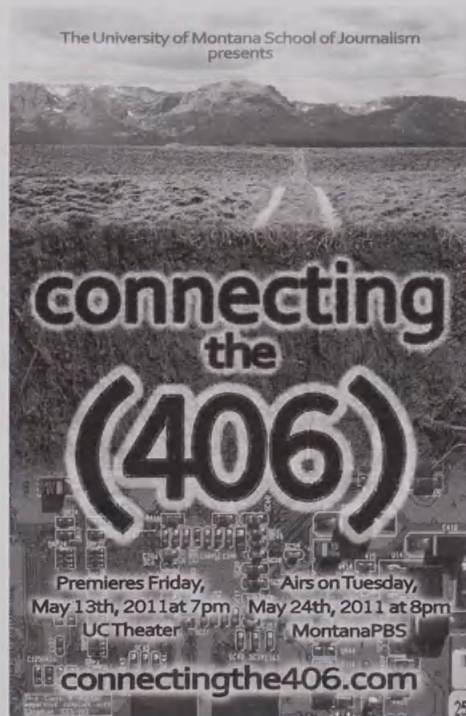
I understand most of the issues facing Montana, and if I come across one I don't, I know how to figure it out and figure it out quickly. I have worked at my new job for three weeks now, and the work I am doing is extremely easy because of my time in Helena.

The contacts I made are also invaluable. I got to meet the state's leaders, the lobbyists, and the people behind the scenes. I know I will use those as I continue on with my career.

I would like to have done more in-depth stories on issues rather than produce a lot of very basic material on a daily basis, but because I was the only broadcast reporter, I had to work on the stories the stations needed. ▲

"I was inundated with calls the rest of the week. Folks wanted – demanded – to know the rest of the story. I've never had so many calls at one time about anything. My readers wanted to read the report. I ran it every week in the same spot on page 1."

–Steve Newman, editor of the *Tobacco Valley News*, Eureka, Mont., describing his readers' reaction one week when he forgot to jump the rest of the student legislative report.



The 25th annual R-TV student documentary project this year is titled "Connecting the 406" in reference to Montana's 406 area code.

The documentary takes a look at Montana through the eyes of internet ranchers, online daters and gateway guardians, uncovering a subtle yet powerful web of people and enterprises that connect Big Sky Country.

The class project was produced and directed by **Tyler Velin** and **Alison Kilts** (photo below).

The program premiered May 13 in the University Center Theater and was featured May 24 on MontanaPBS.

Last year's student documentary, "Cannabusiness," was produced before the 2011 Legislature nullified the state referendum allowing medical marijuana to be legally prescribed in Montana. ▲



Tyler Velin and Alison Kilts are shown here practicing their connecting techniques.



A youthful Norma interviews President John F. Kennedy on his visit to Montana.

Broadcast alum Norma Ashby named to MBA Hall of Fame

Norma Ashby '57 was inducted into the Montana Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame at the annual MBA Hall of Fame ceremony in June 2010 in Whitefish.

A native of Helena, Ashby received a B.A. in Journalism from The University of Montana. She was on the air at KRTV in Great Falls for 26 years. "Today in Montana" was the place for community members, honored guests, politicians and visiting celebrities to be seen and heard by people across Montana via the MTN Network. Among those she interviewed were Johnny Cash, Evel Knievel, Bob Hope and Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan.

Ashby won the 1985 Broadcaster of the Year Award from the Greater Montana Foundation and Montana Broadcasters Association.

After retiring in 1988, Ashby wrote *Movie Stars and Rattlesnakes*, a book that chronicles her years in television

and guests she hosted on her show. She has produced more than 20 television documentaries, including "The Great Falls Story: A Tribute to 125 Years."

Ashby also gave back to her community of Great Falls and Montana over the years. She co-hosted the Children's Miracle Network telethon for many years with long-time broadcaster and MBA Hall of Famer Dan Snyder.

She is the ultimate cheerleader for Great Falls and was once named the city's most influential woman. She's an honorary member of the Blackfeet Tribe and was given the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Montana.

Ashby continues to serve the journalism profession. She is a trustee for the Greater Montana Foundation, an organization that encourages communication with an emphasis on electronic media, on issues, trends, and values of importance to current and future generations of Montanans. ▲



Norma takes a turn as interviewee on her home station of 26 years, KRTV-Great Falls.



Photo by Remi Ochlik / IP3 Press

Holly Pickett '02 stays nimble in the thick of a clash between anti- and pro-Mubarak protesters in Cairo in early Feb. 2011 (see Class Notes).

Overworked, underpaid: our valiant J-Staff

These are the unsung heroes who keep our wheels turning and all our bits and pieces glued together, day after day. We're proud to introduce you to:

Kathleen Whetzel, Assistant to the Dean, deftly processes everything moving through the Dean's office: reports, financial, faculty and student activity; i.e. the entire J-School.



Emily Bulger, Office Manager, handles all inquiries & scheduling, writes newsletters, runs the website, and copyedits everything. She's the hub, keeping us on track every day.

Peet McKinney '01 is our IT Director. Peet designed and built our IT infrastructure and for 10 years has kept faculty, staff and students networked and "on the air."



Diego Baccino, a UM College of Technology graduate, assists Peet and oversees a team of J-techs in the Help Desk office. He's the guy you call to come and fix everything.

Wanda LaCroix is the admin associate for the departments. She runs the office, maintains student records, grants and does whatever is necessary to keep the wheels turning.



Karen Coates: not your average reporter

The new Pollner professor completely immerses herself in the cultures she covers as a freelancer reporter. She relies mainly on her adaptability, willingness to go where few have gone, and a low-tech approach: "You'll notice I still take notes with pen and notebook – I can't believe how many reporters no longer do!"



ABOVE – A Khmer medicine man uses his breath to drive bad spirits out of Karen Coates' ears. This was part of her story research on the spirit world in everyday Cambodian life.

BELOW – Karen interviews Jim Harris, the only American working to clear unexploded U.S. bombs dropped on Laos in the Vietnam War. A construction crew found this 250-pound bomb while digging 15 feet below the surface. Clearance teams were not equipped to move or destroy the bomb, so there it stayed. Search teams located and detonated a 750-pound bomb in another area. The explosion was powerful enough to shake the ground and rain shrapnel over a one-mile radius. An unknown number of live bombs remain buried in the countryside of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam – most are found only by accident.

–Jerry Redfern photos



AWARDS

Students bring home several wins from national Hearst competition

The Hearst Journalism Awards are known as the Pulitzer Prizes of college journalism. Among entrants from more than 100 accredited journalism schools in the country, The University of Montana's school received an overall ninth place in the national standings.

This year's winners at the Hearst Awards national competition are:

- **Greg Lindstrom**, 4th place, photojournalism
- **Justin Franz**, 4th, personal profile writing
- **Alisia Duganz**, 5th, multimedia feature
- **Jake Stevenson**, 7th, radio feature
- **Steve Miller**, 7th, personality profile writing
- **Troy Warzocha**, 10th, sports writing
- **Emily Creasia**, 18th, radio feature
- **Kimball Bennion**, 19th, feature writing

Two Native News projects placed high in the Hearst Multimedia categories.

Alisia Duganz's piece, "Tobacco Roulette," placed fifth in the the Hearst Multimedia Features Visual Story Telling category. She received a \$1,000 scholarship. There were 68 entrants in this category from 40 journalism programs across the country. Alisia graduated in spring 2011 with a B.A. in Photojournalism.

Greta Rybus '10 placed seventh in the Hearst Multimedia News category with "Not a Drop to Drink."

Both pieces were part of the 2010 Native News Project: *Living Sicker, Dying Younger*, examining health issues on the Rocky Boy and other Indian reservations in Montana.



Alisia Duganz took this photo of Helen Stamper Windy Boy of Rocky Boy Reservation who was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2009.



This photo of a kayaker coming up for air is one of Greg Lindstrom's four winning entries. Greg walked away with two \$1,000 scholarships.

Students and faculty score at BEA awards

The Broadcast Education Association awards honor work produced by college students and professors from around the globe.

R-TV professor and department chair Ray Ekness won an Award of Excellence for "Senior Weightlifter Harold Smith," a video profile he produced for "Backroads of Montana" which airs on MontanaPBS.

The 2010 Student Documentary "Cannabusiness" earned an honorable mention in the long-form documentary category. It examines Montana's medical marijuana business and aired on MontanaPBS last summer.

Seniors Dan LaDue and Jake Stevenson took honors in the Sports Reporting category. Their piece, "When Griz Fly," profiled UM's snowboard team.

Graduate student Gillette Vaira took second place in the TV News Anchor category for her work with MontanaPBS and UM News.



Devin Wagner accepts the \$10,000 Taylor Family Award for the Sioux Falls *Argus Leader* from Bob Giles, representing the Harvard Nieman Foundation.

J-alum produces winning series on reservations

J-School alumnus **Devin Wagner** led a Sioux Falls *Argus Leader* team that won the \$10,000 Taylor Family Award, which is administered by the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard.

The award was given to the *Argus Leader* for its eight-part series "Growing Up Indian," which examined the challenges faced by children on South Dakota reservations. Devin photographed and produced the multimedia series.

Other finalists for the award were *The Washington Post* for "Paths to Jihad," which explored choices made by young Muslims in the post-9/11 era, and *The Sacramento Bee* for its series "Who Killed Amariana?" about the state's responsibility for the death of a 4-year-old child in foster care.

The award was created by the family that operated *The Boston Globe* to recognize and encourage fairness in news coverage.

Devin and his colleagues were awarded the prize at a ceremony at the Nieman Foundation on March 10 in Cambridge, Mass.

Devin is a 2008 graduate from Billings who is of Crow heritage.

Johnson & Kelly win SPJ and Emmy, several other J-students make finals

INDIANAPOLIS – The Society of Professional Journalists National Mark of Excellence Award winners include UM students who took top honors in TV Sports Photography and national finalist recognition in four other categories.



R-TV seniors **Cody Johnson** and **Kaelyn Kelly** won top place for their TV sports photography entry, "Frontier States Wrestling" (see below). They profiled a wrestling school in Missoula that turns out top-notch competitors.

R-TV junior **Emily Creasia** of Helena won national runner-up in Radio Sports Reporting for her story on the Hellgate Rollergirls. The piece aired on KUFM-Montana Public Radio where she is a co-anchor of Montana Evening Edition.

Recent graduate **Vince Bagby** '10 of Kalispell was a national finalist in the Television Feature Photography category for his work on mountain biking. Bagby now works as a sports reporter and anchor at KECI-TV in Missoula.

Jayne Fraser's story, "Missoula shaken baby conviction relied on science, expert," was a finalist for general news reporting. She is the new *Kaimin* editor.

Living Sicker, Dying Younger is a 40-page print and online publication by **students in the Native News Honors Project** that focuses on Indian health care issues. It was an online publication finalist. (View at <http://nativenews.jour.umt.edu/archives/nativenews2010>.)

WASHINGTON – R-TV students won three Emmy Awards in public affairs, cultural affairs and sports categories at the northwest regional ceremony at Snoqualmie Casino & Resort.

Kaelyn Kelly of Helena and **Dan LaDue** of Bozeman won in public affairs for their story, "Interpreting Education." The story focused on hearing-impaired students at UM and their sign language interpreters.

Kelly and **Cody Johnson** of Missoula earned the Emmy in sports reporting that highlighted Missoula's Frontier States professional wrestling school.

Gillette Vaira of Lambert, Mont. won the cultural affairs category with her story, "Film-maker," that profiles a UM Media Arts student's masters degree project film.

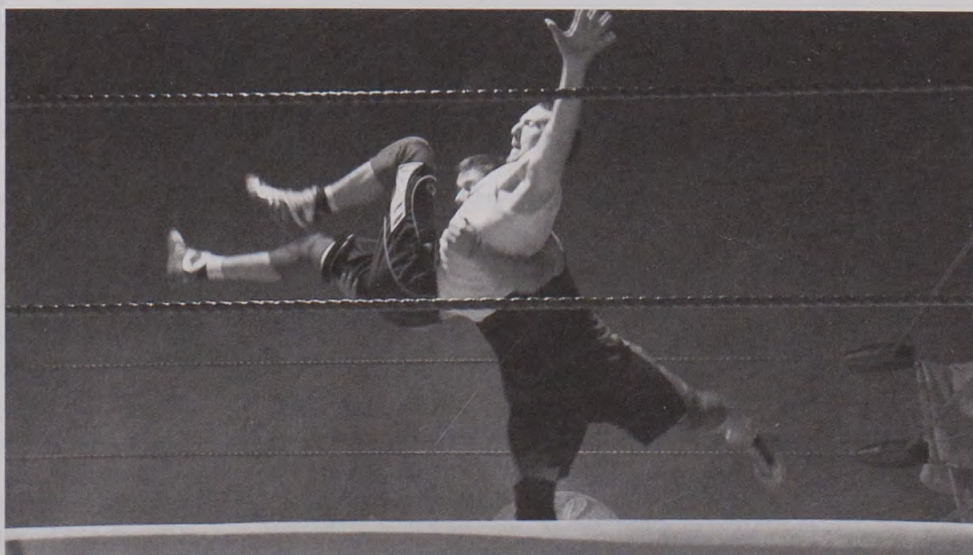


Photo clip from Cody Johnson and Kaelyn Kelly's video that won Emmy and SPJ awards.

OBITS

William C. Bequette, 93, long-time editor of the *Tri-City* (Wash.) *Herald*, died in his sleep at home April 24, 2011, after a three-year illness. A UM J-School graduate from Hardin, he served as a combat veteran in the South Pacific during WWII and was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Bill got his first post-war job reporting for UPI in Helena.

"In the early '60s, he forced an end to local boosterism and instilled an ethic of honest reporting that continues today," said Jack Briggs, retired *Herald* publisher. "He molded not just the *Tri-City Herald* but the Tri-Cities with his forceful editorials that stressed not just economic stability and diversification but also quality of life. He was gruff and tough . . . and he forced reporters to write stories they didn't want to write but eventually won them journalism prizes."

"Bill was the first to argue that women reporters and editors should be paid the same as men," said *Herald* Executive Editor Ken Robertson.

Bequette's wife, Neva, died in 1998. He is survived by his daughter, Gail.

Elizabeth "Betty" P. Crookes died in the presence of her family Dec. 21, 2009, at Rosario Assisted Living in Anacortes, Wash.

She was born and raised in Bozeman where her father was an entomologist at Montana State College. Her mother died when Betty was 10. She majored in journalism at The University of Montana. After a year in San Francisco, she became secretary to the headmaster at Lakeside School for Boys in Seattle, where she met Spencer Crookes. They married December 26, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Betty finally began her journalism career when she was employed as a feature writer in Chicago for *Pioneer Press*, a division of Time-Life Corporation. She interviewed Lillian Gish, Donald Rumsfeld, and phoned Arthur Nielson, TV pollster, to ask him what he liked to watch on television. She won the Best Feature Story in Illinois award one year.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

David Dennis died at home on Jan. 14, 2011. He earned a BA in Journalism (R-TV) at The University of Montana in 1993.

David was born on Sept. 27, 1960, in Alhambra, Calif. He later moved to Sidney, Mont. Survivors include his wife, Jolynn, and two children, Kyla and Paul. A memorial service was held Jan. 20, at St. Anthony Church in Missoula.

Heidi Tauber Esping died in a head-on collision on I-405 in Portland, Ore., last March. She was a 1970s J-School graduate and a longtime Portland-area radio news announcer. She grew

up in Libby, Mont., where many of the men who worked in the mines—including her father—died with vermiculite ore dust in their lungs.

Over a decades-spanning career in the Portland radio industry, Heidi worked for stations across the radio dial, including KPAM, KINK, KEX, KPOJ and, most recently, as a fill-in announcer with a regular Friday evening shift on OPB. Lynne Clendenin, OPB's Vice President of Radio Programming, said she hired Esping in 2009 because of her warm tone and news savvy. "I thought she was wonderful on the air," Clendenin said. "She was welcoming always in her manner. You could hear her smiling."

The first time Tauber interviewed for a radio or TV job in Montana, the general manager, sales manager, news director and announcer told her, "There are no broads in broadcasting." She persevered and landed a job as weather girl in Redding, Calif.—"Do you know how hard it is to do weather in Redding? It's going to be hot today."—and the news producer/anchor for a Yakima television station. She beat out 95 other applicants for the chance to partner with Jeff Clark on afternoon drive-time at KINK. "That was my boyfriend's name in college," she says. It was meant to be.

Noel D. Furlong, 84, died on Valentine's Day, 2011, after a sudden illness. He earned a B.A. in Journalism at The University of Montana in 1951. He was born on Feb. 14, 1927, the eighth of 10 children to Ina and Edward Furlong in Chester, Mont.

Noel left for the Army the day after his high school graduation in 1945. He was the fifth and youngest brother to serve during World War II. Except for his military service in Nuremberg, Germany, he was a lifelong Montana resident.

He married Louise Franz, a fellow UM graduate, in 1951. They taught in Alberton for three years before Noel was hired at Flathead County High School in 1954, where he taught American history, journalism, economics, and drivers' training for 34 years. As a member of the Montana Education Association, he was the state president from 1973-1974, and was a delegate to the NEA Constitutional Convention of 1972. Noel also served on the Kalispell City Council and was a delegate to the Montana Constitutional Convention in 1972.

He was preceded in death by infant daughter Susan Marie and his wife, Louise. He is survived by his five children: Laurie, Mark, Brian, Judy and Michael.

Kerry (Thomson) Henrickson, 41, died of cancer Jan. 26, 2011, at her home in Flagstaff, Ariz. She earned an M.A. in Journalism at The University of Montana in 2001.

She was born in Kalispell on Nov. 19, 1969, and lived with her parents Bob and Jan Thomson in Great Falls where she graduated from C.M. Russell High School in 1988. She graduated in 1992 from The University of Montana with degrees in zoology, Spanish and chemistry. She was a Smithsonian Fellow. She attended UC Berkeley, where she earned a master's degree in Integrative Biology and was also the captain of its NCAA national champion TaeKwonDo team.

She taught science writing at UM, and later taught biology at community colleges in Oregon and California. She was the Science Department chair at Cochise College, Sierra Vista, Ariz. She earned her Ph.D. in science education from Capella University in 2007, and the following year became a faculty member of Northern Arizona University, where she taught physiology and pathology.

Kerry married Dr. Jim Henrickson on May 18, 2003. She is survived by her husband Jim and her pets, Otter, Dandy and Rascal, at the family home in Flagstaff and by her parents, Jan and Bob Thomson of Great Falls.

Ted Hilgenstuhler, who spent his professional life writing for magazines and newspapers in California, died March 15 in Simi Valley, Calif. A 1950 graduate, he was 85.

Ted was born July 9, 1925, in Brooklyn, N.Y., where his parents ran a confectionary. He graduated from Erasmus High School in 1943, having earned letters in football, basketball and baseball. Two days after graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on ships in Southeast Asia. After the war he enrolled at UM to study journalism and to play baseball, earning the role of team captain.

After graduation he began work at the *Missoulian*, though he left after a short time to study in England. In 1951 he began work at TV-Radio Life magazine and also wrote television scripts and biographies of celebrities. He wrote more than 120 scripts for the TV series "Wanderlust" and its syndicated version, "Vagabond."

His most notable books were biographies of Tennessee Ernie Ford and Lawrence Welk. In 1958 he became a writer for the *Los Angeles Herald-Express* and later the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*, when those morning and afternoon papers merged in 1962. He later worked for the Southern California Edison Co. as editor of its in-house publication. He compiled a collection of his interviews in a book and CD called "Just Between Us."

In 1999 the *Los Angeles Times* recounted how Ted was the first reporter to reveal how Joe DiMaggio ordered that red roses be delivered three times a week to Marilyn Monroe's grave. He came upon the story accidentally while covering the funeral of an actress who was buried near Monroe's grave. He noticed the roses and asked the groundskeeper about them and was told of DiMaggio's standing order. The resultant publicity from Ted's story caused such a commotion that DiMaggio stopped the practice in 1982.

Ted was a lifelong friend of the J-School and made donations over the past 15 years to meet the School's greatest needs, and to support staff, faculty and students.

Lewis (Lew) Keim, a 1953 graduate of the UM School of Journalism, died at his residence in Whitefish on April 22, 2011. He was 80 years old.

At UM he was a Sigma Nu, editor of the *Montana Kaimin*, and a member of Silent Sentinel. He was a lifetime member of the Alum Association, a trustee of the UM Foundation, a member of President's Advisory Council and a director of the Grizzly Riders.

Lew retired from Gates Corp. as a vice president of corporate public relations in 1996. He and his wife Carol moved to Whitefish where he received a governor's appointment to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's Advisory Council. He was also director of the Flathead Lakers, a director of St. Matthew's Parish Capital Campaign and raised funds for Flathead Regional Medical Center's Alert helicopter. Lew was a member of the national Association of Manufacturers, the American Arbitration Association and Trout Unlimited.

Lew is survived by his wife Carol; daughters, Kelly Keim of Stanford, Kathryn Keim-Robinson and Jennifer Fortson of Portland, Ore., Mary Frame of Mount Pleasant, Mich., Karin Padalino of Centennial, Colo. and 10 grandchildren.

Betty Ellen McGuin died at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula on April 25. She was born on Sept. 14, 1918, in Kansas City, Mo.

Her childhood was spent with her mother and stepfather, Marguerite and Bill Alff, and her sister Emily. They moved to Missoula in the 1930s where Betty graduated from what was then Montana State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Betty married James David Ellen on Christmas Day 1942 at the First Baptist Church in Missoula. They moved to Butte where Jim was the Marine Corps recruiter, then to Cherry Point, N.C., where their son David and daughter Marguerite were born. Following Jim's honorable discharge from the Marines, they moved to Missoula, where their son William and daughter Kimberly were born.

Betty and Jim owned the General Appliance Store in downtown Missoula for many years. They sold it to their employee, Pete Vann, who turned it into the current Vann's Appliance store. Betty and Jim's next business was the Missoula Benefit Society, which they ran for more than 20 years. They retired in 1985 and spent 10 years moving with the seasons between Flathead Lake and Florida. Jim died in 1995.

In 1997, Betty remarried an old college friend, Jack McGuin. Betty and Jack lived for 10 years in San Diego, and returned to Missoula in 2008. Jack died in 2009. She is survived by her sons, David and William, and daughters, Marguerite Ardito and Kimberly Dredger and their families. ►

Dawson N. Oppenheimer, 87, passed away on June 6, 2010. He was born on June 5, 1923, in Butte and spent most of his life working as a journalist. He spent his last 10 years working as a Press Deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, a job he loved and never considered work. He served in the U.S. Army/Air Corps during WWII.

Dawson is predeceased by his wife, Audrey. He is survived by his children: Charynn Marshall, Preston Oppenheimer, and Laurel Rebenstock; and a sister, Jeanette Tabak.

James Robert "Jim" Peterson died Nov. 16, 2010, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. A UM graduate, he received a B.A. in Journalism in 1983.

Jim was born April 12, 1948, in Janesville, Wis. He joined the U. S. Navy in 1968 and was a scuba diver and instructor in nuclear submarine prototypes. After his discharge, he went to work for Hartford Steam Boiler where he remained for 23 years. He went on to operate his own consulting company and most recently was employed with AEGIS Insurance Services of New Jersey.

In 1980 he married Katherine Marie "Kathy" Zinn in Great Falls. In 1992 they moved to Idaho Falls where Jim started a loss-control engineering consulting company.

James is survived by his wife, Kathy; two brothers, Dennis and John; three sisters, Mary Kris Fleming, Karie Cowdenand and Kathrin Mueller.

Jim was buried at sea with military honors near the Naval Base at Bremerton, Wash.

Joseph A. Renders, Jr. '50, died May 3 at home in West Stockbridge, Mass. He was born in California and later moved to Montana after military service in World War II. He earned a degree in journalism at The University of Montana where he met and married a fellow student, Tempie Daigle, of Missoula.

Joe was a reporter and editor for several newspapers before he established Public Relations Associates with Ray '43 and Mary Fenton. Joe was a political advisor and speechwriter for US Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield and other Montana political figures. He was Vice President of Montana Legal Services, a member of the Montana Citizens Commission on State Legislature, and a government consultant.

In the early '80s, Joe was involved in business ventures to develop alternative energy sources and with nature conservation. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hiking at his mountain retreat on the Rocky Mountain.

He is survived by five children: Arlana Renders (Hawaii), Marsha Vernon (Wash.), Robin Renders (Mass.), Cheryl Philips (Mont.), and Jeff Renders (Ore.), other family members, and by his devoted caregiver Helen Depuy.

Joseph William Shoquist, 84, retired newspaper editor who taught at the UM Journalism School for a short time, died February 27, 2010.

He was born November 30, 1925, in Lone Tree, Iowa, a

farming village of 650 persons. He attended the University of Iowa, but his education was interrupted for a year of service in the Army in World War II. He was graduated from Iowa in 1948 with a degree in journalism. In 1952, he worked as a reporter and copy editor for the *Great Falls Tribune*. He moved to Milwaukee in 1954 where he spent the next 18 years working for the *Milwaukee Sentinel* and later the *Journal*. He left the *Journal* in 1986 and became dean of journalism at South Carolina until his retirement in 1991.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy. He is survived by his son, Paul Shoquist, and daughter, Sally Shoquist, both of Jackson, Wyo.

Joan (Harbolt) Stremcha, a 1955 graduate of the Journalism School, died on May 5, 2011, at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre. She was 80 years old.

Joan was born and raised in Chinook, Mont. She married Fred Stremcha in 1956. They lived in Havre, where Joan worked at the *Havre Daily News* for four years. Joan and Fred raised three sons.

Joan later worked for the U. S. Border Patrol as an administrative assistant until she retired. Joan also was part owner of Stremcha Electric with her husband, and a devoted member of Van Orsdel United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years; her sons Gary (Havre), Paul (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and Dan (Billings); two brothers and four grandchildren.

Melissa Hart Weaver died in a plane crash over the National Bison Range near St. Ignatius, Mont., on June 27, 2010, while on a sightseeing trip with friends. She graduated cum laude in 2009 with B.A. degrees in Journalism and Psychology.

Melissa was born on March 21, 1987, in Rochester, Minn. She moved with her parents to Arizona and New Jersey before settling in Billings in 1992. She attended Poly Drive Elementary, Lewis and Clark Middle School and Billings Senior High School, graduating with honors in 2005.

Melissa was a University Scholar with distinction through the UM Davidson Honors College. In December 2009, she began work as a reporter for the *Daily Interlake* in Kalispell.

Melissa is remembered by her friends and family as an intelligent, energetic young woman who loved to ski, travel, write and explore the great outdoors. She shared her mother's love of cooking and her kitchen was always stocked with delicious, fresh-baked goods.

Melissa is survived by her parents, Dan and Kathy; sisters Sarah and Emily; brother Joseph and numerous relatives. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Carl Bell.

Melissa was remembered by her teachers and classmates during a brief memorial at the Dean Stone Awards Banquet this year. ▲



CLASS NOTES

1950s

Don Graff '50, and his wife, Peggy, are retired and live in Fairfax, Va., on the Washington beltway. They have two sons and a grandson. Don was editor of the *Kaimin* and earned a Master's degree in History and Political Science. He began an editorial career with UPI and worked several years as an editor with Radio Free Europe in Munich, Stockholm and Vienna. Don married and returned to the states as an editor and news manager for the Newspaper Editorial Association (NEA) in Cleveland and New York City.

Glenn Chaffin '55 is at home in Corvallis, Ore., after his 13th winter in Southern California. He's looking forward to his annual trip to Montana and the J-School this summer as well as his 60th reunion in 2015. He has this message for other alums: "If you are reading this and you are a J-School grad, plan to be there."

Don's brother, **Jim Graff** '57, reports, "Since selling my Public Relations & Marketing firm in 2000 and closing out my journalism career as chairman of Gard & Graff, I have enjoyed semi-retirement as a consultant to my earlier employer, Kampgrounds of America (KOA) in Billings. I continue to downhill ski, slay trout with a dry fly, golf poorly, and try to keep up with six grandkids."

1960s

Zena Beth McGlashan '61 has written a book about the stories she unearthed through research on Butte's cemeteries. *Buried in Butte* was published in spring 2010, and has stories of the rich and

famous, along with those whose lives had been forgotten. McGlashan, who grew up in Butte, worked on newspapers around the west before earning a masters degree and then a Ph.D. from universities in California and Iowa. She taught journalism at various universities before returning to her hometown, where she is a freelance writer/editor. You can purchase the book online at: <http://www.oldbutte.com/zb>.

Jack Counihan '62 retired as Promotion Director of *Newsweek* eight years ago after a "checkered" career in marketing and promotion ("Yes, I sold out," he says) at a variety of publications (including *LIFE*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Field & Stream*, *The Wall Street Journal*, etc.), to freelance and toss Frisbees to his berserk border collie in Garrison, NY. He also holds down the fort while his wife, Ellen, still commutes to her job in the city.

Tom Flaherty '62 moved back to Red Lodge, his hometown, after retiring from the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* in 2000. Although concentrating on his guitar and working on the model railroad empire in his basement, he has been writing a monthly column called "You Can Go Home Again" for the *Carbon County News*. He hopes to have it published in book form in the near future.

Jim Oset '65 retired from *The Billings Gazette* in 2005 and lives in Billings with his wife, Karen. In 2007, Jim, Karen and son Jonathan visited Slovenia, where Jim's mother was born and grew up, coming to America in 1938. They traveled more than 3,000 miles in that tiny country, a part of the former Yugoslavia. Jim continues to stay in touch with relatives there via Skype. Since retirement, Jim has kept busy with a little writing, woodworking and trying to improve his cooking skills.

Loretta Lynde '67, M.A. '79 has published four novels in the Magpie Odyssey series and is currently writing the fifth. These books, which draw on the parallels

between the Old Irish culture and the culture of the Crow Indians of Montana, have been well received. She and her husband, Bob Fusie, live in Helena. Bob was a publisher with Lee Enterprises in Helena and Rapid City, South Dakota.

Nils Rosdahl '67 retired in December after 25-plus years of teaching journalism at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. He's pleased to report that his students won the top prizes in national competitions with the Society of Professional Journalists and the Associated Collegiate Press. He was nominated for SPJ's journalism instructor award for this year. For years he has written a business column for *The Spokesman-Review* that now runs in the *Coeur d'Alene Press* on Sundays. He plans to write several short stories and maybe a few books.

1970s

Louise Fenner '70 is a writer for the U.S. State Department and is married to film editor David Minckler. She is sick of hearing about social media.

Ken Robertson '70, executive editor at the *Tri-City Herald* in Kennewick, Wash., marks 35 years at the paper in June and 20 years as its top editor. He reports, "We continue to do pretty well as a newspaper, winning four C.B. Blethen Awards last fall, including three first places. The feature that won the Blethen Award also won a national SPJ award for feature writing." The *Herald* is down in staff numbers, like many other papers, he said, "But today, the sun is shining, we're supposed to see 70 degrees and so I'll focus on enjoying that. I look out my office window and it reminds me of sitting on the second-floor window ledge of the *Kaimin* offices in the old J-school and enjoying a warm spring afternoon, though the UM campus is prettier and Mount Sentinel much closer."

John Paxson '72 retired in 2006 from CBS News where he was a vice president and London bureau chief. He'd been with CBS for 24 years, working through radio and the TV assignment desk in New York and then stints as deputy bureau chief in Los Angeles and producer in Dallas. Paxson took the London post in 1995 and managed many major stories, including the wars in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq, the deaths of Mother Teresa and Princess Diana, and more.

In 2006, he tried retirement but it didn't work. Early in 2011, he became news director for the public radio and television stations of the Murrow College of Communication at Washington State University in Pullman.

John reports, "So I'm back in the Northwest and only one minor mountain range away from my old school. It's good to be (almost) home."

Joe Frank 'J.F.' Purcell '72 has been working at PRI Communications in Rockville Centre, Long Island, where he helped launch a new publication for affluent homeowners, *Today's Renovation*. Joe's also selling advertising for *WildBird* magazine. He said he's "glad I could stay in publishing sales, rather than taking a job at Staples."

Jack Tanner '72 is presentation desk editor at the *Naples Daily News* in Naples, Fla. He is married to Ellen Tanner.

Larry Bruce '73 retired in January from a 36-year career at the rural electric co-op (McCone Electric) in Circle, Mont. He writes that he can now pursue some writing projects he's had in mind.

Dale Faulken '75 retired seven years ago after working as a correspondent and editor at Reuters in London. He and his wife spent last year on their olive farm near Ronda in the mountains of southern Andalusia, Spain. They are now back in England where they've lived for the past 33 years. Dale says he still follows Griz basketball and football via the Internet.

Tim D. Hall '76, J.D. '79 was a law clerk for federal district judges in Billings for a year. After 25 years of specializing in water law, he became Chief Legal Counsel

for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). He says that he found his journalism degree to be invaluable to his career. He retired in Helena three years ago.

Daniel Struckman '78 is retired and living in Billings. He is writing a book about his uncle from Kalispell, former UM student Carl R. Bonde, Jr., killed in the English Channel on Christmas Eve 1944 by a U-Boat torpedo. Bonde was aboard the ill-fated SS Leopoldville troop ship.

1980s

Susan (Back) Sharon '84 is the deputy news director for Maine Public Broadcasting Network.

Kathleen E. McLaughlin '84 is now a senior correspondent for the online news outlet *Global Post* (www.globalpost.com), living in Beijing and covering China.

Bill Miller '84 became the editor of *Lone Star Outdoor News* last year after 25 years reporting for daily newspapers. Miller and his wife, Samantha, help manage her family's ranch in DeWitt County, Texas. She's senior director of development for Trinity Area Habitat for Humanity.

Judi Blaze '87 is now writing full time as a novelist and nonfiction writer after many journalism jobs reporting and editing. She has written five novels, a book of short stories, and is now working on a memoir, *Riding in the Backseat with my Brother*, about growing up Gypsy. She can be reached at: itzaqueen@gmail.com.

Janie Sullivan '87 is the Director for the Center for Writing Excellence (<http://janiewrites.com>), where she offers writing services and blogs on writing skills. She also produces and publishes a monthly e-newsletter, runs a creative writing contest, and teaches writing classes.

Professor **Jerry Holloron** '64 encouraged **Kevin McRae** '88 to grab a Lee Newspa-

pers State Bureau offer right out of college because Helena is a great community and the Capitol is an interesting place. Kevin is still in Helena, now the Associate Commissioner of Higher Education for communications and human resources. He manages governmental affairs, public relations, human resources, and labor relations for the Board of Regents of the Montana University System. Kevin's wife, **Beth McLaughlin** '90, is the Director of Court Services for the state judicial branch. The former *Kaimin* staffers have two daughters, Clara and Eliza, who enjoy their occasional visits to the hat and shirt department of the UM Bookstore.

Michele Troxel '88 is show producer for KING-TV's news program "Evening Magazine." She just celebrated her 15th year at KING-5. Michelle has also just opened her own media consulting business. "I visit Montana often as my family is still there. I also try to get home for a few Griz games each year," she said.

Kate Ripley '89 recently earned an M.A. in Northern Studies at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Since 2004 Kate has been public affairs director for the University of Alaska System, following a career in journalism in Alaska. She and husband Brian O'Donoghue, a journalism professor at UAF, have two teenage sons, Rory and Robin, and a 7-year-old daughter, Rachel.

1990s

Tracy Johnke '91 works as a reporter and anchor for MarketWatch Radio Network in Washington, D.C.

Kerri Lee O'Farrell '91 is the owner/Executive Producer of Tacoma-based Two Dogs Barking Productions. She writes she's busy producing/writing when the mood strikes, but would rather be sitting in her front yard, Puget Sound.

Roger Renville '92 is in his second year as an attorney for the Crow Tribe in SE Montana. He left Montana for three years to

study law at the University of Minnesota, graduating in May 2009, and returning to the UM campus that summer to take the Montana State Bar Exam. Last winter Roger shared his knowledge of federal Indian law and his experience with issues in Montana's tribal communities with students working on the *Native News* project, to which he contributed during his days at the J-School.

Carey Eyer '95 will report on his activities in next year's *Communique*. At press time, he was waiting for his wife to give birth to their second child.

Courtney Peck Robles '95 is the staffing manager for Apple in Austin, Texas. She's married and has two young children.

Michael Jordan '96 is director of operations at Mad Dog Video Services, a crew broker for commercial broadcasting and industrial field production in North Hollywood, Calif. He's been married to his wife, Jenny, for eight years. They have a six-year-old girl. Michael also volunteers at his church in West Hills, Calif.

Sonja (Ammond) Puhala M.A. '96 and her husband, Jeffrey, have a baby daughter Stella, born July 2, 2010. They reside in Bellefonte, Pa.

Cory Myers '97 is Digital Media Manager for *Argus Leader Media* in Sioux Falls, S.D. and serves on the Editorial Board. He has been with the company for nearly six years, and says, "It's a blast; something new every day." His wife, Megan, an Iowa State University journalism grad, is the Director of Communications for the South Dakota State Medical Association. They have two Italian Greyhounds, Pepper and Livvi.

Danielle (Smith) Ness '97 has been living in Seattle for the past 10 years. After college, Danielle spent a year living in Caracas, Venezuela, working for *The Daily Journal*, the city's English language newspaper. She then moved to Seattle where she spent several years working for a weekly business journal and later Microsoft. Three years ago, she and her husband started their own graphic design business, Crossroads Creative.

Chris Wheeland '97 works for Microsoft in Redmond, Wash. He does click fraud investigations for the paid search results on search engines Bing and Yahoo.

Nicolas Nabakov '98 is the business development manager for the website UsedEverywhere.com. He lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Kim Skornogowski '98 started a new job April 1 as marketing director for United Way of Cascade County. She previously worked for 12 years at the *Great Falls Tribune*.

David Bowles '99 lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., and has been working with Leftfield Pictures, the company that produces "Pawn Stars." He has directed the first two seasons of "Oddities" on the Science Channel. He married his wife, Amanda, in 2009.

Cari (Cast) Hawthorne '99 was an editor, producer, reporter and anchor at eight different television stations before she went to law school. She just graduated from the University of Hawaii School of Law in Honolulu where she lives with her husband U.S. Army Captain Patrick Hawthorne.

"I had the opportunity to merge my journalism degree and law studies creating social media policy for the Governor of Hawaii," she reports. Cari will take the bar exam this summer before she and her husband head out around the world for his Army training and deployment.

2000s

U.S. Marine Corps Captain **Mandy Halverson** '00 was Officer in Charge of Instruction in the Academics Section of Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va., last summer. She married Ryan Brannon, also a Marine Corps officer, in Missoula last year. They honeymooned in Spain and France.

Hilary Hutcheson '00 is the owner and public relations director of Outside Media and can be seen regionally on "Trout TV,"

where she is a host and flyfisherwoman extraordinaire. She lives in Columbia Falls with her husband, Shane, and their two children.

Carson Porter '00 moved to San Francisco after graduation where he worked as an assistant editor and then staff editor at a production house. Now he's a freelance editor for a number of studios and advertising agencies specializing in advertising and corporate marketing media. Recently he was editing short, documentary-style videos on the U.S. Women's Soccer Team that will be featured on Nike Soccer's website as the lead up to the World Cup in Germany.

Elgin Smith '00 and his wife moved back to Missoula last year to start their own production company BACKTRACK Films. Working through Storyville Films, Elgin has edited two programs that will appear on Bloomberg Television later this year. They have also produced a number of local commercials, promotional videos, narrative films and documentaries.

Larissa Smith-Stewart '00 works for a lawyer in Olympia, Wash. She says, "I find my journalism background has helped me through the years in communicating both in writing and in person."

She is married to her college sweetheart, Steve. They have two boys, Corbin 12 and Parker 7. "I still occasionally find myself directing from the couch as I watch the local news," she says.

Karl Vester '00 is a writer/editor and public affairs specialist for the Forest Service Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Team in Baker City, Ore. He also photographs rodeos, cowboys and cowgirls and other equestrian subjects for his sideline interest, Buckaroo Photography (www.buckaroo-photo.com). Karl retired Jan. 1, 2010, from the Air Force Reserve where he was a public affairs specialist.

Krystal Spring Steinmetz '01 lives in Havre where she is a community planner at a non-profit economic and community development organization. She and her husband welcomed Moriah Grace to the family on May 27, 2010.

Josh Carstens '02 worked with National Geographic shooting freelance documentarists and is now completing a Master's in education in Illinois. He's working as a bar manager and firefighter and hopes to teach in Chicago when he completes his degree.

Carl Hennell '02 and Olivia (Parker) Hennell welcomed Gwynavere Kiera Hennell into the world on St. Paddy's Day in Whitefish. Gwyn joined her 2-year-old sister, Danica Brook.

Carl is finishing his first year as a high school teacher and journalism adviser at Flathead High School in Kalispell. Liv will return to work as a registered nurse at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls after maternity leave.

Jasper Hiatt '02 is the multimedia producer for Duarte Design in Mountain View, Calif. The agency specializes in helping clients, such as Qualcomm, Nokia, Citrix, Cisco, and TED connect with their audiences. He says, "I couldn't imagine a better company or more interesting and challenging projects." Jasper is married and lives in Santa Clara, Calif.

Leilah Langley '02 was promoted to Assistant News Director at KREM television in Spokane, Wash. Leilah has welcomed fellow R-TV grads to the KREM family recently including **Ashley Korslien** '10, **Marianne McCormick** '10, and **Jordan Treece** '09.

Freelance photojournalist **Holly Pickett** '02 has been based in Cairo, Egypt, for the past three years. She photographed the uprising in Tunisia for *The New York Times* and the uprisings in Egypt and Libya for American photography agency Redux Pictures.

Her freelance career also has taken her to Yemen, Gaza, Iraq and Afghanistan. Her work has appeared in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Stern*, *NPR.org*, *The (London) Times*, and *The Los Angeles Times*, among other publications.

Arianna Robinson '02 works as a bilingual social worker in the Phoenix, Ariz. area. She recently bought a condo. "I'm surprised I enjoy the desert as much as I do," she reports.

Lindsey Lear Chapman '03 lives in Bozeman and works at home as a freelance writer with web research and publishing companies in Colorado, Texas and North Carolina. She and her husband are the parents of two boys.

Bryan Haines '03 and his wife Tricia (UM '04) moved back to Montana last summer after six years in Las Vegas. Bryan is currently the Political Affairs Coordinator for the Montana Association of REALTORS® in Helena. They have a three-year old son, Connor.

Lance Johnson '03 is the topical promotion producer at WHNT-TV in Huntsville, Ala. He married the morning anchor at the station last summer. They met while working at KIVI-TV in Boise, Idaho.

Abdullah Al-Matrook '04 leads the marketing department of Jazeera Airways, Kuwait's first low-cost airline. He's played an integral part of many milestones at the company including their recent launch into Cairo, Egypt. He says, "Being single allows me to travel to any of our 17 destinations for business and pleasure."

Steve Dent '04 serves in the 4th Brigade First Armored Division and will be deploying to Iraq this summer. His army unit will be the last division in Iraq, helping with the withdrawal of forces and Iraqi security.

Tyler Henebry '04 is the Research Director for KOMO-TV and KUNS-TV, the ABC and Univision affiliates in Seattle. Tyler lives in Redmond, Wash., with his wife, Blaire, who is also a UM grad.

In March, **Katherine (Forest) Neill** '04 and her husband, **Brandon Neill** '04, recently welcomed Reagan, their first child and future Grizzly. They live in Seattle.

Evan Soderquist '04 is an account executive for DataSphere Technologies partnering with news websites around the country to facilitate the launches of their community websites. He's married and lives in Seattle.

Phil Stempin '04 plans to return to Missoula this summer and marry his fiancé,

Katie, in September. He spent the last year in Boulder, Colo., playing music and skiing while helping to develop the ColdAvenger line of facemasks. He continues to run the "Soul in Missoula" (misSOULa) line of merchandising and will be launching a line of wines this summer.

Mike Sternoff '04 teaches in the graduate school at Northwestern University. He's also working at ABC 7 Chicago on Windy City Live as a shooter/editor. He owns a production company, Sticks and Stones Media, which works mainly on corporate online videos. Mike's first documentary film aired on PBS stations in Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota and won two Emmys. His second doc, "Kindred," is in post and should be done this summer.

Ashley Terry '04 got married in 2008, traveled the globe, moved to Corvallis, Ore., in 2009, had a baby in 2010 and bought a house in 2011. She reports she's working at a nursing home, freelancing for weddings and the city, and working on her documentary "WOOOF! The Movie" (due this summer). Busy, busy!

Dax VanFossen '04 says he's the Flathead Valley Multi Tasker. "I work at KOFI/KZMN radio as the news director, but also for KPAX/KAJ television in Kalispell. So if you missed me on the radio at 5 you can catch my stories on TV at 5:30."

Dustin Blanchet '05 lives in Tulsa, Okla., where he started Lightshed Productions. Dustin's work on rodeo, bull-riding and women's billiards has been seen on GAC, Versus and ESPN. He and his wife, Leslie, have adopted two dogs, Jordy LaForge and Willie (Wilbo) Baggins.

Mollie Bond '05 received her MBA from Kansas Wesleyan University on May 7. She's now looking for work.

Aaron Carothers '05 is working for Magnum Global Media in Corvallis, Mont. He says he's an editor extraordinaire without the extraordinary. But we think Aaron is extraordinary and then some!

Christine Tutty Johnson '05 was named the 2011 Small Business Administration's

Women in Business Champion of the Year for Montana. She owns Clover Creative, a grant writing and business marketing consulting business based in Missoula. She's president of the Missoula Business-women's Network. She lives in Huson with her husband and three dogs.

Gus Laursen '05 works as an audiovisual technician for Compass Group on the Microsoft campus in Bellevue, Wash. He handles all aspects of setting up and managing all AV equipment in the area. He lives in West Seattle.

Katherine Sather '05 is a digital marketing specialist for The Nature Conservancy, where she says she puts her journalism skills to use trying to save the planet. She also serves on the board of directors for the Amazon Partnerships Foundation, a nonprofit that works with indigenous people in the Ecuadorian Amazon. She lives in Seattle with her husband, Joe Basirico.

Andy Atkins '06 moved from Orlando, Fla. to West Michigan where he is the Director of Digital Media Services at RC Productions. Andy runs the video/multi-media production arm of an established ad agency on the lakeshore. He does it all, from writing, producing, shooting editing, sales and client interactions to purchasing and maintaining the HD equipment.

Eli Bierwag '06 is working as a finish editor at Barrett Productions in Missoula. He's married and has two kids, the latest addition being daughter Ruby who was born last July. He says, "Life is still great."

Courtney (Hanson) Carlmark '06 reports for the KOLD-TV News 13 morning show in Tucson. "Executions, homicides, fires—you name it, I've covered it," she says. "It's been great experience going live all morning long." Courtney's husband works at KPNX in Phoenix so she's commuting there for weekends.

Paola Cherzad '06 is the communications and development coordinator for the Community Health Association of Spokane. She coordinates advertising, media relations, marketing, fundraising, special events, assists with public policy

tracking and advocacy efforts. Paola had been working at KHQ-TV in Spokane. She's living in Colbert, Wash.

Michael Emery '06 works for Barrett Productions in Missoula as a cameraman for outdoor television programs. Mike spends most of his time on the road and only uses Missoula as a place to store his stuff.

Elyse Hughes '06 works in Digital Media Services as a Digital Librarian for FOX News and Fox Business Network. She lives in Brooklyn and works in Manhattan.

Brianne Burrowes '06 is a digital strategist at Wong, Doody, Crandall, Wiener ad agency in Los Angeles. ("No, that's not an SNL parody of a law firm, it's a real agency with a client roster that includes ESPN, Cedars-Sinai, T-Mobile and others!" she says). She's been there for a year after leaving her post as editor-in-chief of the *Montanan*, UM's alumni magazine. She writes the blog "I Want Her Job."

David Erickson '06 is a photojournalist and reporter for the *Ravalli Republic*. His work has been published in MSNBC.com and *The New York Daily News*. His photo of a man looking for work was used as a backdrop for a speech by Sen. Jon Tester on the Senate floor in 2009 and broadcast live on C-SPAN. David has won several first-place awards from the Montana Newspaper Association for writing and photography.

Stan "Stanimal" Pillman '06 recently started a new job as digital managing editor for radio stations WLS-AM and WLS-FM in Chicago. Stan says he loves the new job and loves being home in Chicago!

Carey Proctor '06 is the morning producer for Northwest Cable News in Seattle. Carey says she is living on a little sleep and a lot of caffeine.

Scott Poniewaz '06 left his job as Director of India operations and northeast sales for Rustic Pathways to become the co-founder of Dibs Inc. The company runs Campus-Dibs.com, the top daily deal site and he recently launched Dibsie.com, a self-publishing deal platform for businesses and individuals. He lives in New York, NY.

Tiffany Toepper '06 produces the 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts for WFTV in Orlando, Fla. Her husband also works as the station videographer and storm chaser. "All I can say is, I would never have excelled and been so successful if it wasn't for the J-School team," Tiffany reports.

Danny Davis '07 is a high school sports reporter at the *Austin American-Statesman*. Since February 2008, he has also held a decent batting average with the Ball Bustas intramural softball franchise.

Sara Gale '07 joined the Peace Corps and left for El Salvador early this year. In March, during a swearing-in ceremony, she officially became a "voluntaria" and is working in a small community as a rural health facilitator. Her blog, "On My Way," can be found at: <http://saragaleblogs.wordpress.com/>

Amber Kuehn '08 and **Karl Krempel** '08 will be married this summer. Amber is a sportswriter for the *Helena Independent Record*.

Heather Hintze '07 is a photographer for KEZI-TV in Eugene, Ore. She'll be reporting from India this summer.

Becca Sayre '07 works as a web designer/developer for Windfall Technologies in Missoula with a focus primarily on Montana tourism. Becca is also revamping her website and working on a number of short documentary, film and animation projects.

Cortney (Fawthrop) See '07 lives in Great Falls and works for MSU-Great Falls College of Technology. She graduated in April 2011 with a Masters of Science in Public Relations from Montana State University-Billings. In November, she will move with her husband and son to Ramstein AFB, Germany, to start their next adventure with the U.S. Air Force.

Dan Boyce '08 is a reporter at KBZK-TV in Bozeman. "I was fortunate enough to snag an appearance on the CBS Evening News discussing how communities around Yellowstone National Park would be affected by a potential government shutdown," he says. Dan was chosen for a fellowship

through the International Center for Journalists. He will be a radio reporter in Germany from August through October 2011 before returning to Bozeman.

Maritsa Georgiou '08 and her husband moved back to Missoula from Whitefish. She's the weekend anchor at KECI, and the two are expecting their first child, a son due Homecoming weekend.

Nikki (Todd) Gregory M.A. '08 is enjoying life as a stay-at-home mom in Minneapolis.

Allison Kwesell '08 left the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* in October after her third trip to Haiti for the newspaper. She has been working in India, reporting on the eradication of polio campaign for *Rotarian Magazine*, and on a six-month consultancy for an organization called Youreka, redesigning backcountry trips for Indian youth.

Alli received a Rotary World Peace Fellowship that covers a two-year Master's degree in public policy and conflict resolution at the International Christian University in Tokyo. Alli is one of 50 fellows worldwide.

Kerry McKay '08 works in the Media Department for Swirl Integrated Marketing in San Francisco, Calif. She was working on the San Francisco Giants account last year when they won the World Series. "I feel like I played a small role in their winning the championship," she says. Kerry will visit the Czech Republic and Holland this fall.

Cody Munson '08 works as a mentor at Hellgate Elementary School in Missoula. He plans to return to UM to get his teaching degree and hopes to become a second-grade teacher.

Megan Taylor '08 graduated from the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts in Boston in January. She's back in Missoula working as a line cook at the Ranch Club Golf Club.

Lindsay Alvestad '09 left KRCG-TV in Jefferson City, Mo., to take a new job in the Florida market. She lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., where she's a producer for *Bay News 9* (local 24-hour cable news). "I miss

the mountains, but living near the beach is a close second!" she reports.

After spending a year and a half covering prep and college sports in McMinnville, Ore., **Whitney Bermes** '09 returned home to western Montana in December. She is part of a five-person newsroom at the *Ravalli Republic* in Hamilton, where she covers county and city government.

Paige Browning '09 finished traveling this spring as an international consultant for Delta Gamma sorority. After exploring Mediterranean Europe for one month, she's excited to once again search for a job in TV or film production.

Amanda Ferrucci '09 works at KING 5 news in Seattle as prompter operator and assistant assignment editor. She is also shooting the Seattle Mariner games for the big screen.

Kaydee Mallory '09 works as a production assistant/editor at PSG Films in Seattle, Washington. She had previously worked at KIRO-TV as an editor in the creative services department. The big news is that she's getting married on July 9.

Natalie Neumann '09 lives in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. She's doing contract work (producing videos, creating PowerPoint presentations and writing case studies and other articles) for the National Association for Environmental Management.

Bill Oram '09 lives in Salt Lake City where he covers high school sports and the University of Utah men's basketball team for *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

After graduating, **Nate Rott** '09 spent two months wandering Nicaragua, another zigzagging across the U.S. and a summer fighting forest fires. He was awarded the first Stone & Holt Weeks Fellowship – a two-part, six-month fellowship at *The Washington Post* and *National Public Radio* in Washington, D.C. He's now at NPR, working as a production assistant for the Investigations Unit. He plans to spend the summer doing the same with "All Things Considered."

Liam Scholey '09 works in Los Angeles as an assistant to the president of Original Productions, producer of programs such as *Deadliest Catch*, *Ax Men* and *Inspector America*. He had been at William Morris Endeavor.

Jordan Treece '09 recently moved from KECI in Missoula to KREM-TV in Spokane. Jordan will be a one-person reporter/photographer/editor at the CBS affiliate in the Lilac City.

Allyson Weller '09 works full time at KPAX-TV in Missoula as a reporter. She says she's still learning something new every day.

2010s

Vince Bagby '10 is the weekend sports anchor and weekday sports reporter for KECI-TV in Missoula. He says he's "loving my job most days; covering sports teams, players, events, and stories around Western Montana."

Grant Beaudette '10 is trying to break into the production business in Los Angeles. He's now compositing on a short film.

Jaime Berg '10 is the producer of the 6 a.m. news show at KHQ-TV in Spokane, Wash. She also produces a weekly business show called "Invest Northwest."

Eric Connolly '10 is the Multimedia Specialist for the Diocese of Helena and recently made a trip to Guatemala to produce a multimedia piece on the Diocese's mission school and clinic. The project is up at <http://www.diocesehelena.org/resources/multimedia/behind-the-story/guatemala-2011.html>.

Sarah Grant '10 interned last summer at Chisel Industries in Bozeman. She was offered a job there, but declined to pursue her passion: graphic and web design. She started her own business in Bozeman where she lives with her boyfriend Christopher and her cat Crookshanks.

Katy Harris '10 is a full-time reporter at KAJ-TV in Kalispell, Mont. She says she's getting back into horses and loves being around her family.

Katrina Hesser '10 moved back to Billings from KHQ-TV in Spokane and is now producing at KTVQ and loving it.

Mike Houchin '10 worked for UM Productions for the past two years. He's moving to San Diego this summer and will attend law school at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, looking to focus on media and entertainment law.

Melissa (Drysdale) Jensen B.S. '98/M.A. '10 earned her master's in Interdisciplinary Studies at UM, had her second child and moved to Helena last year. She is the 6 and 10 p.m. anchor at KTVH. Her promotion to News Director is scheduled for July.

Ashley Korslien '09 recently moved from KRTV in Great Falls to KREM in Spokane, Wash., where she is a general assignment reporter. She had the lead story her first week on the air at KREM when a pig went on a rampage and was shot and killed by police. **Erin Schermele** '11 went immediately from graduation to take Ashley's spot at KRTV.

Laura Lundquist M.A. '10 was health and environmental reporter for the *Twin Falls Times-News* (Idaho) until this spring, when she signed on as crime reporter for the *Ravalli Republic*. She took second place for Rookie of the Year in the Idaho Press Club 2010 Awards.

Kristina Matsalak '10 is working as a reporter/anchor at the number one channel in Kazakhstan. She says she is very thankful to all of her J-School professors who taught her the real world of journalism. "Everything that I have learned during four years of long hours at the J-School is extremely helpful now in my career path!" She hopes to visit the J-School this year.

In July, **Amanda Opitz** '10 will join the staff at *Montana Public Radio* in Missoula as an AmeriCorps Vista volunteer. She will work with the Director of Children's Programming to teach audio recording

techniques to at-risk youth. The students she works with will write, record, and produce radio plays and interviews for use on the station.

Dan Ryan '10 lives in Las Vegas working as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach for the UNLV football team.

He's also working on a master's degree in Sport and Recreation Management.

Khushnuda Shukarova '11 just finished her internship with the National Geographic Society. She will begin graduate school in Media Studies at The New School in New York City this fall. ▲

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Past and Present Deans' Corner



Former Dean Nathaniel B. Blumberg and Dean Peggy Kuhr catching up in Bigfork. Nathaniel will be 90 next April. He reports, "I'm slowing down a bit, but doing just fine."

Two A. E. Housman fans recite farewells

Just before former Dean Jerry Brown retired and moved with his wife, Libby, to their new home in North Carolina, he drove up to say goodbye to Nathaniel Blumberg in Bigfork.

Nathaniel later sent this note on the occasion:

"Did I tell you when I fell in love with Jerry? It was awhile ago, at the Mountain Lake Lodge, we were having breakfast and at one point I quoted from A. E. Housman's poem, 'To an athlete dying young':

*Now you will not swell the rout
Of lads that wore their honours
out . . .*

"Then I sit there in awe as Jerry jumps right up and recites the entire poem on the spot! Marvelous, just marvelous. He was brilliant in literature as well as journalism."

A friend sent the plaudit to Jerry, who responded:

"That Nathaniel is *sui generis*. (Housman taught classical languages.) As you know, it was pure coincidence that he hit on a poem I knew by heart. Thank God for those old teachers who made us memorize. I use that one in particular to keep me awake when I'm driving at night. Usually, I will miss a word and have to quarrel with myself. Yeats said that rhetoric is arguing with others, and poetry is arguing with yourself. If that is true, I am a jackleg poet arguing with the real stuff.

"And the name died before the man. . . . One will never say that about Nathaniel." —JEB

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Ashley Korslien graduated with a degree in Broadcast Journalism in December 2009 and immediately began giving back to her school. When Ashley was a



senior, Dean Peggy Kuhr asked her to create a video of students talking about the J-School. (You can see

the video on the school's website.) Ashley did a wonderful job, and the dean sent her a \$100 check.

Instead of spending that money on herself, Ashley decided to ask family and friends to pitch in to create a scholarship. As a student at UM, she'd noticed that most journalism scholarships went to students entering their senior year.

Ashley wanted her scholarship to be used to acknowledge promising broadcast students just entering the professional program.

She has given back to the school for two years now and vows to continue the "Professional Promise" award into the future.

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